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SUBJECT: CUBAN INQUIRIES ON THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED PARA. 5 OF REFTTEL,
INTEREST SECTION SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR
USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE CUBAN OFFICIALS:

(A) USG IS OF THE VIEW THAT GUYANA'S NON-SIGNATURE OF THE
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TREATY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PREVENT THE TREATY FROM ENTERING
INTO FORCE FOR THE REGION. THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY INDI-
CATES THAT PARA. 2 OF ARTICLE 25 OF THE TREATY WAS DESIGNED
TO PRECLUDE GUYANA FROM BECOMING A SIGNATORY. IN ADDITION,
GUYANA HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS WILLING TO BECOME
PARTY TO THE TREATY AT ANY TIME IT IS PERMITTED TO DO SO.

FINALLY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SINCE GUYANA LIES TOTALLY WITHIN THE ZONE OF APPLICATION, ALL NATIONS ADHERING TO THE TREATY AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE CONDITIONS OF THE TREATY IN ANY TYPE OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH GUYANA. IN PARTICULAR, THE US AND OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES (NWS) PARTY TO PROTOCOL II ARE BARRED

BY THEIR ADHERENCE TO THAT PROTOCOL FROM STATIONING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GUYANA. THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF GUYANA INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

(B) GUANTANAMO BAY FALLS WITHIN THE TREATY'S ZONE OF APPLICATION. THUS, UPON RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL I, THE US WOULD BE PRECLUDED FROM STATIONING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GUANTANAMO. HOWEVER, US VESSELS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD STILL BE PERMITTED TRANSIT RIGHTS THROUGH THE ZONE. BEGIN FYI: IN THE ABSENCE OF MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF CUBAN EARLY ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY, WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID A PROTRACTED DISCUSSION OF GUANTANAMO WITH THE CUBANS. END FYI.

(C) THERE IS NO CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROTOCOL I TO THE SENATE, HOWEVER, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED UNTIL AFTER ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

2. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY CONTINUED CUBAN INTEREST IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, AND URGE THAT EVERY OPPORTUNITY BE TAKEN TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF CUBAN ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY WITH APPROPRIATE CUBAN OFFICIALS. VANCE

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